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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MPOL, YO

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV MILITARY VISITS

REF: (A) BELGRADE 1203, (B) 76 STATE 304954, (C) HQ,  
USAF 0423032 FEB

1. EMBASSY'S REPORT (REF A) IS ALSO THE FIRST WE HAVE  
HEARD THAT GENERAL POTOVAR MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT  
THIS YEAR. OASD/ISA HAD BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY (REF B)  
THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR  
AND THAT WE WOULD BE INFORMED THROUGH CHANNELS, PRE-  
SUMABLY VIA USDAO BELGRADE.

2. GENERAL CEMALOVIC WAS ORIGINALLY INVITED TO VISIT  
BY AIR FORCE SECRETARY MCLUCAS IN JUNE 1975 BUT NO  
SPECIFIC TIME WAS INDICATED. THE YUGOSLAVS, WHEN  
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THEY HAVE ASKED ABOUT THIS IN SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL  
CONVERSATIONS (REF C), HAVE BEEN TOLD THE AIR FORCE  
IS WORKING UP A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL.

3. WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, WE HAD COME TO THINK OF  
THE MCLUCAS INVITATION AS SOMEWHAT PRO FORMA AND HAD  
NOT ATTACHED GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE INVITATION

ITSELF. IT IS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE YUGOSLAVS ARE TREATING IT AS A FIRM AND FORMAL INVITATION WHICH THEY HAVE NOW ACCEPTED. IT IS OUR DESIRE AND INTENT THAT A CEMALOVIC VISIT COME ABOUT, BUT ONLY THROUGH THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REF C. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE NEVER SUGGESTED REPLACING POTOVAR WITH CEMALOVIC. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT HAD APPEARED THAT BOTH CEMALOVIC AND POTOVAR, ASSUMING ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL BROWN'S INVITATION, WOULD VISIT HERE IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1977, A SITUATION ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO US.

4. IF INDEED GENERAL POTOVAR IS UNABLE TO COME THIS YEAR, DOD WOULD CONSIDER INVITING HIM AT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE AND WOULD CONCENTRATE ON CEMALOVIC FOR 1977. WE PREFER, HOWEVER, NOT TO REINFORCE THE YUGOSLAV NOTION THAT THERE IS SOME INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO VISITS.

5. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE COOPERATING CLOSELY ON THESE MATTERS. WE HAVE COORDINATED THIS REPLY WITH OASD/ISA ONLY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE WHETHER STARCEVIC'S STATEMENT CONSTITUTES A FORMAL GOY RESPONSE ON THE POTOVAR VISIT AND INDICATE THAT OUR PLANNING FOR THE CEMALOVIC VISIT IS PROCEEDING SEPARATELY AND WE WILL CONVEY A FORMAL PROPOSAL WHEN IT IS READY.

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